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PAUL A. SECHRIST et al.)	Atty. Docket No. 104407-1
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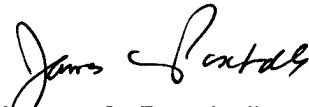
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Respectfully submitted,



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS		DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBL. DATE	NAME OF PATENTEE OR APPLICANT OF CITED DOCUMENT	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		US 4,279,624	07/81	Wilson	055	001	11/08/79
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